Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Elks Lodges of the state of South Dakota will observe May 1st through the 7th as Elks National Youth Week in tribute to our Junior Citizens, honoring them for their achievement and contributions to the life of the community, state, and nation; and,

Whereas, It is our responsibility to guide, inspire, and encourage our youth to go forth to serve America, our privilege to manifest a lively interest in all their activities and ambitions, and to help prepare them for the duties and opportunities of citizenship, which is the objective of Elks National Youth Week; and,

Whereas, The Elks Lodges of Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Madison, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Yankton, Deadwood, Hot Springs, Pierre, Rapid City, and Winner will sponsor observances during the that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this state; and,

Whereas, To achieve this worthy objective, we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes an aspirations, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2012, as

ELKS YOUTH WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State